

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA  
CEDAR RAPIDS DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**PATRICK ABRAHAM BLACKBURN,**

**Defendant.**

**No. CR 09-0066**

**ORDER REGARDING  
MAGISTRATE'S REPORT AND  
RECOMMENDATION  
CONCERNING DEFENDANT'S  
GUILTY PLEAS**

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***I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND***

On September 22, 2009, a four-count Indictment was returned against the defendant Patrick Abraham Blackburn. On December 8, 2009, the defendant appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Jon S. Scoles and entered pleas of guilty to Counts 2 and 3 of the Indictment. On December 8, 2009, Judge Scoles filed a Report and Recommendation in which he recommended that defendant's guilty pleas be accepted. No objections to Judge Scoles' Report and Recommendation were filed. The court, therefore, undertakes the necessary review of Judge Scoles' recommendation to accept defendant's pleas in this case.

***II. ANALYSIS***

Pursuant to statute, this court's standard of review for a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation is as follows:

A judge of the court shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made. A judge of the court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the

findings or recommendations made by the magistrate [judge].

28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Similarly, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b) provides for review of a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation on dispositive motions and prisoner petitions, where objections are made, as follows:

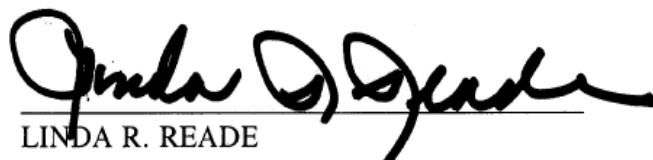
The district judge to whom the case is assigned shall make a de novo determination upon the record, or after additional evidence, of any portion of the magistrate judge's disposition to which specific written objection has been made in accordance with this rule. The district judge may accept, reject, or modify the recommended decision, receive further evidence, or recommit the matter to the magistrate judge with instructions.

FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b).

In this case, no objections have been filed, and it appears to the court upon review of Judge Scoles' findings and conclusions, that there is no ground to reject or modify them. Therefore, the court **accepts** Judge Scoles' Report and Recommendation of December 8, 2009, and accepts defendant's pleas of guilty in this case to Counts 2 and 3 of the Indictment.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED** this 23rd day of December, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda R. Reade", written over a horizontal line.

LINDA R. READE  
CHIEF JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA